

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-9. Please add new Claims 10-13. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Cancelled)
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9. (Cancelled)
10. (New) A telecommunications network comprising:
 - one or more management systems for managing network elements; and
 - a managed network element comprising:
 - a CORBA-based server;
 - plural CORBA-based managed objects accessible by the CORBA-based server; and

a CORBA-based applications programming interface (API) coupled to the CORBA-based server, the CORBA-based API coupled to at least one of the management systems for managing CORBA-based managed objects therefrom.

11. (New) The telecommunications network of Claim 10 wherein the managed network element further comprises a management protocol agent as a CORBA-based client of the CORBA-based server, the management protocol agent coupled to an element management system for managing CORBA-based managed objects therefrom.
12. (New) The telecommunications network of Claim 11 wherein the management protocol agent is an SNMP agent.
13. (New) The telecommunications network of Claim 10 wherein the managed network element further comprises an embedded operations channel agent as a CORBA-based client of the CORBA-based server and wherein the plural CORBA-based managed objects includes GR-303 managed objects, the embedded operations channel agent coupled to an external local digital switch for managing the GR-303 managed objects therefrom.